

SAF/LLZ (Legislative Research Team)

EVERETT, Terry (Republican)  
Representative, 2nd District, Alabama  
Elected 1992 to 103d Congress  
Reelected to succeeding Congresses



## BACKGROUND

Born: Dothan, Alabama - 15 February 1937

Home: Enterprise, Alabama

Marital status: Married (Barbara)

Religion: Baptist

Education: Attended Enterprise State Junior College

Profession: Newspaper executive; developer

Military: Air Force, 1955-59; intelligence analyst

Political: No previous office. Succeeded Rep Bill Dickinson who retired. Defeated George Wallace Jr., (D) son of former governor and presidential candidate, in the general election with 51% of the vote. Reelected in 2000 with 68% of the vote and in 2002 with 69%.

Rep Everett, a conservative, sought a HASC seat to try to consolidate all Navy helicopter training at Ft Rucker and to watch over defense projects in his district. In Oct01 he stated, "the strengthened defense budget is good for Alabama." The FY02 Defense Budget provides \$80.8mil for major projects at Maxwell-Gunter AFB and Fort Rucker and \$953mil in new missile and helicopter work that will be partially performed at defense plants in SE Alabama. In Alabama, R&D of an anti-ballistic missile program will affect Huntsville's Red Stone Arsenal where they hope to work on mobile anti-missile lasers. And Pike County's Lockheed-Martin plant is poised begin assembly of an advanced lower altitude anti-missile system that could be a forerunner in technology for the developing anti-ballistic missile system. For these reasons, he remains a strong and vocal supporter of a missile defense program. In a statement in Jun01, he said, "America remains vulnerable to foreign missile attacks. The U.S. Constitution mandates that one of the primary tasks of the federal government shall be 'to provide for the common defense' of our land. It is therefore the duty of our national leaders to ensure that Americans are protected against foreign attack. It would be irresponsible for our government to neglect any of these. Yet, we are doing precisely that with our current lack of a national ballistic missile defense."

He is also a strong supporter of veteran issues and benefits. He focused national attention on burial waivers at Arlington N'tl Cemetery in 1998. His efforts prompted the House to pass legislation that protects the burial grounds for veterans. In the 107<sup>th</sup> Congress he sponsored HR 2667, DoD-Dept of Vet Affairs Health Resources Access Improvement Act, a bill to provide for a joint DoD-Dept of Vet Affairs demonstration project to identify benefits of integrated management of health care resources of those departments. Appointed to HPSCI, 23Jan02.

Additional: Orphan – worked to keep family together after death of parents. In 1988, sold Gulf Coast Media Inc., seven newspapers and commercial printing operations. Heads a home-building/land development company; owns a 400-acre peanut farm. Member, Air Power Caucus

AF Bases: Maxwell AFB-Gunter Annex (also Reserve Forces); Dannelly Field (ANG)

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